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(cont) a controller interface for providing the card object identifier to the personalization station interface.

5 15. [Amended] A computerized system for controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers across a plurality of personalization stations, the system comprising:

C2 means for receiving, by a server, one or more card objects from a card issuer management system, wherein the card objects comprise information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

means for receiving, by a personalization station, from a controller, a unique card object identifier;

means for requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming one of the portable programmed data carriers based on the unique card object identifier;

means for receiving, by the server, [a programming request] from the personalization station[:], a programming request including the unique card object identifier for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; [and]

means for associating, by the server, the unique card object identifier in the programming request with the card object for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; and

means for utilizing, by the server, the card object to control the personalization station as the personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

10 21. [Amended] A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for causing a computer to perform a method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers, the method comprising:

C3 receiving, by a server, one or more card objects from a card issuer management system, wherein the card objects consist of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

receiving, by a personalization station, from a controller, a card object identifier;

requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming one of the portable programmed data carriers based on the card object identifier;

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receiving, by the server, [a programming request] from one of the personalization stations[.], a programming request including the card object identifier for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; [and]

associating, by the server, the card object identifier in the programming request with the card object for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; and

utilizing, by the server, the card object to control the personalization station as the personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

1576. [Amended]  
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A computer readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising:

a first data field containing data representing a card object containing data and commands for use by a personalization server to control the programming of a portable programmed data carrier by a personalization station; and

a second data field containing data representing a unique card object identifier for use by the personalization server to identify the card object represented by the first data field in response to a programming request from the personalization station[.] wherein the personalization station receives the unique card object identifier from a controller.

1671. [Amended]  
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A system for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising:

a plurality of card objects identified by a like plurality of card object identifiers;  
a plurality of personalization stations for receiving the card object identifiers and for programming the portable programmed data carriers using information contained in the card object identified by the card object identifier, wherein the plurality of personalization stations have at least two personalization station devices of differing type;

a plurality of controllers, each one of the plurality of controllers [a controller] for providing [to each personalization station the] one of the plurality of card object [identifier] identifiers to one of the plurality of personalization stations; and

a personalization server for controlling the programming of a portable programmed data carrier in response to a request from one of the personalization stations, wherein the personalization server translates the card object into commands and data and transfers the

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commands and data to the personalization stations making the request.

18 29. [Amended] A method of programming a portable programmed data carrier in a system having a server, [and] a personalization station[,], and a controller, the method comprising:  
receiving, by the personalization station, from a controller, a card object identifier;  
requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming the portable programmed data carriers; and  
programming, by the personalization station, the portable programmed data carrier under the control of the server.

19 30. [Amended] A method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers in a system having a server, [and] a plurality of personalization stations[,], and a controller, the method comprising:

receiving, by the server, a card object from a card issuer management system, wherein the card object consists of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

receiving, by the personalization station, from a controller, a card object identifier;

requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming one of the portable programmed data carriers based on the card object identifier;

receiving, by the server, [a programming request] from one of the personalization stations, a programming request including the card object identifier for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; [and]

associating, by the server, the card object identifier in the programming request with the card object for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; and

utilizing, by the server, the card object to control the personalization station as the personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

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